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DIRECTIONS.

To find the *pulse* in the horse, feel for the notch about three inches from the angle of the jaw bone ; there the throbbing can be felt, as the artery passes over the edge. Both the pulse and breathing should be thoroughly studied in a healthy animal first. Examine the animals' mouth, legs, ears, to distinguish the cold and hot stages of disease. The treatment of most of the diseases of the horse, cow, sheep, and hog, is the same as here laid down, only the dose should be in proportion to the size of the animal. The medicine must be given in pure water—and well mixed. Small horns are the safest to give the fluid medicines in, and they should be well cleaned before each dose. For a full grown animal the dose is 10 drops in a gill of water. Give the medicine every fifteen minutes, half hour, hour, or two hours according to the urgency of the case ; when the animal improves, every three, four or six hours is often enough. In chronic cases, three times a day is often enough to give the medicine.

H O R S E .

FEVER.

SYMPTOMS.—The horse's legs, ears and mouth are cold, and he hangs his head and yawns ; the coat looks rough. This is the case in the first stage of most fevers and inflammations.

In the second stage the skin is hot, dry, and smooth; tongue coated, and breathing quick ; pulse increased and full.

TREATMENT.—In the cold stage, give No. 1 every half hour or hour until the hot stage comes on, then give No. 3 in place of No. 1, until the animal sweats. If not better soon, give No. 20 in alternation with No. 3, once an hour. When the breathing is quick and there is catching at the sides, give No. 4 once in two hours, and stop the others.

RHEUMATISM-FOUNDER.

SYMPTOMS.—Swelling of particular parts, generally the limbs, with heat and lameness. When the disease attacks the fore-legs, it is called *Chest Founder*.

TREATMENT.—When the skin is hot, quick, full pulse, swelling and pains in the joints, No. 3 is the remedy, once in three hours in alternation with No. 20. When the joints are painful, hot and swollen, No. 5 is the remedy. If movement aggravates the pain and the joints are swollen, No. 4 once in two hours, and stop the others. If the disease shifts from one part to the other, alternate No. 7 with No. 4 once in two hours.

STRANGLES.

SYMPTOMS.—There is swelling between the jaws which at first is hard, hot and tender. The horse seems almost suffocated until the swelling bursts, or is opened.

TREATMENT.—No. 2 and No. 12 alternately, once in four hours. When the disease is cured, but the horse is weak, give No. 8 morning, noon and night. Poultice with a bran poultice.

INFLAMMATION OF THE BRAIN, or MAD STAGGERS.

TREATMENT.—When the pulse is quick and full, the eyes red and furious-looking, give No. 2 and No. 3 every half hour alternately. If the horse does not improve in twenty-four hours, give No. 4 once an hour, in alternation with No. 20.

MEGRIMS-FITS.

SYMPTOMS.—The horse stops, shakes his head, staggers and falls into convulsions. Give No. 2 morning and noon, and No. 20 at bedtime.

PARAPLEGIA.

SYMPTOMS.—Is palsy of the hinder half of the body.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 2 morn, noon and night ; if this fail, give No. 9 the same.

TETANUS-LOCK-JAW.

SYMPTOMS.—The muscles of the jaws and neck are first affected so that the animal cannot swallow.

TREATMENT.—If caused by a wound, put 20 drops tincture Arnica in a gill of water—apply cloths wet in this. Give internally No. 2 and No. 20 once an hour, first one, then the other. If the horse does not improve, give No. 4 once in two hours in alternation with No. 9.

INFLAMED LUNGS, or CHEST.

SYMPTOMS.—The breathing is at first quick, then panting and heaving; the nose and eyes are red, the mouth hot and dry. There is a hard, painful cough, and in the latter stage the pulse is small and weak.

TREATMENT.—When the cold stage is on, give No. 1 every hour until the hot stage; then stop and give No. 3 once in half an hour. When the breathing is short with cough, give No. 4 once in two hours. If these do not stop the disease and the discharge from the nose is yellow or streaked with blood, give No. 17. In bad cases alternate No. 8 with No. 17 once an hour.

PLEURISY.

SYMPTOMS.—The pulse is hard, quick and wirey; there is an anxious look in the face, and the pain is continuous. Body is hot, feet cold. Pressure between the ribs produces pain. The head is turned often towards the side; the breathing is jerking and short.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 3 once an hour until the fever is lowered, then stop and give No. 4 once in two hours, in alternation with No. 20. After the disease has abated, give No. 11 three times a day.

INFLAMMATION OF THE LARYNX.

SYMPTOMS.—Breathing short and when the air is drawn into the lungs, a rough, harsh sound is heard.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 2 and No. 3 once an hour, and if the trouble increases, give No. 12, first one, then the other.

BRONCHITIS.

SYMPTOMS.—There is rattling heard in the wind-pipe and at the breast, with short tickling cough and difficult breathing, the eyes and nose are red.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 3 and No. 4 once an hour for the fever. If the throat is sore, give No. 2 alternately with No. 3. If there is a discharge from the nose, give No. 5 once in two hours alternately with No. 20, and for the tickling cough, give No. 19 once in two hours.

SORE THROAT.

SYMPTOMS.—The throat is hot, painful and swelled on the outside. The fever the same as other symptomatic cases.

TREATMENT.—Use No. 2 and No. 3 alternately once an hour. When the swelling of the throat and difficulty of breathing increases, give No. 5 once an hour, in alternation with No. 20.

INFLAMMATION OF THE EYE.

TREATMENT.—If tears are abundant, and the white of the eye covered with red streaks, give No. 2 and No. 3 alternately every two hours. When the eyes cannot bear the light, and are covered with a white scum, give No. 5 once in two hours, and stop the others. Use for a wash, twenty drops of tincture of Arnica in a gill of water.

INFLAMMATION OF THE BOWELS.

SYMPTOMS.—Pressure to the abdomen gives pain. There is shivering, rolling but more gently than in colic. The pulse is wirey. Insert the arm up the anus, and if the intestines are very hot, there is inflammation.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 2 and No. 3 alternately every half hour or hour. If the bowels are constipated, and there is frequent urging to stool, give No. 9 once an hour alternately with No. 20. If there is a small weak pulse, skin cold and covered with a clammy sweat, the belly tugged up, and pain excruciating, give No. 8 every fifteen minutes as a final. The feed ought to be simple and not harsh. The same treatment for inflammation of the stomach or liver.

FOUNDER, or LAMINITIS.

SYMPTOMS.—Fever in the feet. The feet are intensely hot and painful.

TREATMENT.—Remove the shoe, and apply cold poultices of turnip, in which a little tincture of Arnica has been put. Give No. 2 and No. 3 internally every hour, first one, then the other. If not soon relieved, give No. 20 alternately with No. 4.

GENERAL DROPSY.

SYMPTOMS.—There is watery swelling over the whole body, The belly, breast, lips, sheath are more or less swollen.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 8 thrice a day, if not better in a week, use No. 4 once in three hours.

PURPURA HEMORRHAGICA.

SYMPTOMS.—All the legs below the knees and hocks are enlarged; the breathing is quickened; bloody serum exudes through the skin. There are purple spots inside the nose.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 2 once in two hours, for forty-eight hours, then give No. 4 the same, and if not better, use No. 6; when the horse is recovering, give No. 11 twice a day.

POLL-EVIL.

SYMPTOMS.—The head is kept quite motionless, and the nose protruded. The swelling bursts in several places, from which there exudes a foul, fistulous discharge. The matter burrows deep amongst the tendons.

TREATMENT.—Put twenty drops of Arnica tincture into a gill of water and apply by means of cloths wet in the same. Give No. 2 alternately with No. 12 once in four hours. To prevent the matter from burrowing it must be let out with a lancet.

SPAVIN-SPLINT.

SYMPTOMS.—Any bony enlargement upon the lower and inner side of the hock. Splint is also a swelling on the inner and lower part of the knee of the fore-leg. If the above disease is of recent occurrence, and there is heat or pain, use Lotion B. ; rub well in morn, noon and night. Take No. 6 internally three times a day. Should the disease continue, put twenty drops of Nitric-acid into a pint of water ; rub well in at night. Use Sulphuric-acid the same way in the morning, until the parts become tender. Should the above fail, take one drachm of Corrosive Sublimate to 16 ounces water, use same as the others, giving ten drops, at the time internally.

GLANDERS or FARCY.

SYMPTOMS.—The nose is usually the seat of glanders while farcy is located in the lymphatics. In farcy there are hard, painful, hot lumps on different portions of the body.

TREATMENT.—If the discharge is green or yellow, and of a bad smell, give No. 7 three times a day. When the glands under the jaw are swollen, and there are pustules on the membrane of the nose, give No. 5 three times a day. When the horse grows poor and the lips and eye-lids swell, give No. 8 three times a day.

INFLUENZA.

SYMPTOMS.—The membranes of the nose are yellow and inflamed. There is great weakness coming on suddenly. The eye-lids are swelled and tears flow, the discharge from the nostrils is sometimes great and streaked with blood.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 1 in a wine-glass of water every two hours. When the skin is hot and dry, pulse hard and full cough, mouth hot, give No. 3 same as No. 1. If the throat is sore, use No. 2 and No. 20 alternately, once in two hours. When there is great weakness and much discharges from the nose, give No. 8 once in two hours, in alternation with No. 19.

INDIGESTION.

SYMPTOMS.—The horse is hide-bound, weak,—thin, foul tongue, dry dung mixed with oats undigested, and a hacking cough.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 9 three times a day. If the horse sweats easily, urine, scanty, no appetite, give No. 8 three times a day. If these should fail, use No. 10 the same.

CONSTIPATION.

Give No. 9 in the morning, and No. 11 at night.

STOMACH STAGGERS.

Caused by over-feeding.

SYMPTOMS.—The horse has a dull, sleepy appearance and a staggering gait. There is sometimes convulsions, and the nose and eyes look yellow. This disease is generally fatal.

TREATMENT.—When the animal totters, while the eyes almost start from their sockets, give No. 2, in alternation with No. 20, every two hours. When there is griping with costiveness and loss of tone in the stomach, give No. 9, same as No. 2.

MANGE.

SYMPTOMS.—The skin is corrugated and the hair falls off in patches. The animal is always rubbing itself. In Chronic cases, the skin becomes thickened hard and dry. Give No. 8 at night, and No. 11 in the morning. Use Lotion E externally.

CRACKED HEELS, GREASE or SCRATCHES.

SYMPTOMS.—Thickened skin. Cracks, and ulceration of the skin at the heels.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 8 four times a day. If the cracks are very painful, poultice, apply Lotion E night and morning, with a clean sponge. Dilute Sulphuric acid is a good application.

ABSCESS.

This is a gathering of matter. Give No. 8 and No. 12 once in three hours alternately.

FISTULAS WITHERS.

Caused by pressure of the saddle upon the top of the shoulder.

SYMPTOMS.—Numerous holes burst out, which are the mouths of so many fistulous pipes. Let the matter out, then squirt Lotion C into the openings several times a day. Give No. 12 night and morning until the animal is well.

COLIC GRIPES.

SYMPTOMS.—The horse is uneasy ; he strikes the belly with the hind-foot, paws the pavement ; nose turned to flank. The pain comes and goes. The horse falls violently on the floor in the last stage, and then seems relieved, but another attack of cramps soon comes on, and if he is to die, every attack becomes more severe, when death ensues from inflammation.

TREATMENT.—If the belly is tender to the touch, pulse full and frequent, with constant effort to stale, give No. 3 every fifteen minutes. If there is rumbling and distention of the belly, give No. 16 in alternation with No. 3. When the pain is not constant, and there is constipation, and he lifts his head to look at his flanks, give No. 9 in alternation with No. 1. Especially the latter when the colic is caused by wind.

INFLAMMATION OF THE KIDNEYS.

SYMPTOMS.—The pulse is full, hard and quick ; but soon becomes small and weak, The hind-legs are stiff, and are placed widely apart.

TREATMENT.—In the first stage, give No. 3 once in two hours alternately with No. 20. If caused by bad food, give No. 9 once in two hours alone. When the urine is bloody and passed drop by drop, give No. 13 every half hour until relieved. For inflammation of the bladder, No. 3 and No. 13 are the remedies. For scanty urine, No. 9 and No. 13.

DIARRHŒA.

TREATMENT.—When the color is brown with watery and slimy discharges, and the mouth is pale, legs cold, and weakness.

Give No. 8 every hour or two. When there are greenish discharges, with pain, give No. 5, in alternation with No. 8. If the disease continues after taking the above, two or three days, give No. 7 alternately with No. 17.

DYSENTERY.

SYMPTOMS.—Violent purgation is generally the first sign. The discharges are very offensive, and the dung is covered with slime, and sometimes blood. There is straining as if the animal would force more stool out, but without success, the mouth is hot, the breathing quick.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 3, in alternation with No. 8. When there is violent straining, the dung is hard and mixed with slime, give No. 5, alternately with No. 16, and stop the others.

BROKEN WIND.

SYMPTOMS.—Short dry, hacking cough, abundant flatus. The forcing of the air out from the lungs takes longer time than the act of drawing air into the lungs.

TREATMENT.—Some cases of broken wind cannot be cured, while others may be benefitted by the long use of remedies.

When there is a wheezing noise and cough, with difficult breathing going up hill, give No. 8 once in four hours. When there is a hoarse, hollow cough at night, and the breathing is panting and hurried, give No. 2 and No. 4, alternately. For thick wind, when the horse expands his nostrils and pants for breath, give No. 1, morn, noon and night. If not better in a week, give No. 2, the same followed by No. 8.

Give No. 11 twice a day after the others have relieved, and No. 19 once a day.

COMMON COLD.

SYMPTOMS of a severe cold, are dullness ; a rough coat ; the nasal membrane of a deep scarlet or leaden color, and a discharge from the nose.

TREATMENT.—If there is a hot and then cold skin, dry, short and frequent cough, nose and eyes red, mouth hot and dry, give No 3 once in three hours for twenty-four hours. If not better, give No. 2 and No. 20 every two hours. For irritation of the lungs, give No. 19 twice a day.

COUGH.

Idiopathic cough is common, but if it is a symptom of some other disease, as pleurisy, pneumonia bronchitis, or catarrh, they must be cured, when the cough will disappear. If the cough is not a symptom of some other disease, then the following treatment will cure it. For a dry cough with a tickling in the throat, give No. 2 and No. 4 every two hours alternately. If caused by a deranged stomach and is worse after eating, No. 9 three times a day is best. For deep, hollow, hoarse cough, and when it is chronic, give No. 17 and No. 19 once in four hours, alternately.

SPASM OF THE DIAPHRAGM.

SYMPTOMS.—Distress and a strange noise heard from the centre of the horse,

TREATMENT.—Give No. 4 and No. 20 every fifteen or twenty minutes, alternately.

SYMPTOMS.—TOOTHACHE.

Head carried on one side or pressed against the wall ; dribbling of saliva. The tooth dies ; the opposing tooth grows long.

TREATMENT.—File down the sharp edges of the teeth. If the jaw is diseased, poultice and give No. 18, night and morning.

In cutting teeth when the gums are tender and swollen, give No. 2 morn, noon and night. If there is a dry, hacking cough, No. 9, morn, noon and night.

DROPSY OF THE CHEST.

SYMPTOMS.—The breathing is difficult, and when the horse is moved, he appears frightened. The nose and mouth are of a lead color—the legs, breast, sheath and belly are swelled and there is a short cough.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 5 and No. 8. once in three hours, alternately.

BOTS.

SYMPTOMS.—The horse looses flesh and strength, and has griping pains in the belly, eats and drinks greedily, oats pass without change, The stomach is sometimes eaten completely through.

TREATMENT.—Give one dose No. 8, night and morning, for three weeks. If the horse does not improve in three weeks, give No. 10 the same.

QUITTOR.

This is a deep, narrow ulcer, opening upon the coronet, Lotion C, squirted into the sinuse three times a day, and give No. 18, internally, morn, noon and night.

CORNS.

SYMPTOMS.—These sometimes form Quittor. A bright scarlet stain, shows the existence of a corn. Corns are of four kinds, the old, the new, the sappy and the suppurative. The old is generally near the surface, the new is deep seated, the sappy effuses serum. It is the new corn, that produces lameness.

TREATMENT.—Pare out, and apply tincture of Arnica upon a bit of cotton, tack on the shoe lightly. Apply a bran poultice to the foot.

WORMS.

SYMPTOMS.—The head is large, crest low, legs long and abdomen swollen, but surest proof is to find them in the dung.

TREATMENT.—When there is a slimy covering on the dung, dry cough, with bowels alternately costive, at other times purged, give No. 8 night and morning. If this fails, give No. 4, the same.

WOUNDS.

Apply cold water to stop the bleeding, if this does not do, it may be necessary to tie the blood vessels. Apply water in which twenty drops tincture Arnica has been put. If there is fever, give No. 3 once an hour. If there is inflammation, and the sides of the wound become hard, swollen and painful, let the matter out and apply Lotion C.

BRUISES.

The only treatment necessary is to keep the injured part at rest, and feed low. Apply Arnica and water to the part, twenty drops of the tincture to a gill of water, and give ten drops internally in a wine glass of water, three times a day. If matter forms, make an opening in the swelling, and treat as an abscess.

DISEASES OF THE COW.

PLEURO PNEUMONIA.

SYMPTOMS.—In the majority of cases, in the beginning of the disease, there is a short, dry, husky cough, followed by thick, frothy phlegm from the mouth. There is pain in breathing, and the fore legs are separated and fixed in one place.

TREATMENT.—If there is much fever, give No. 3 once an hour, with No. 4 in alternation. If there is great weakness, small, quick pulse, grinding of the teeth, cold skin and clammy sweat, give No. 1 and No. 8, in alternation once an hour. When there is a loud friction or listening to the lungs, give No. 17 once in two hours.

LOSS OF CUD.

TREATMENT.—No. 8 at night, and No 9 in the morning.

MILK FEVER.

SYMPTOMS.—This fever begins soon after calving. The horns are hot, the mouth hot and dry.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 2 in alternation with No. 3 once an hour, until the fever is lowered. For the debility, give No. 1 and No. 8, once in two hours alternately.

ABORTION, OR SLINKING THE CALF.

SYMPTOMS.—There is want of appetite, and loss of spirits as well as cud, with hollow flanks. The movement of the calf ceases, and there is a yellowish discharge from the vagina.

TREATMENT.—Give No. 14 once an hour, if the abortion is completed, and there is a discharge of bright red blood, Give No. 15 once an hour. If the slinking is caused by a strain or hurt, use No. 6 once in two hours. The same treatment is used for flooding.

SORE TEATS.

TREATMENT.—Put 30 drops of No. 20, into a gill of water, and wash the teats well with it.

THE CLEANSING, OR AFTER BIRTH.

If not soon discharged after calving, give No 7 in alternation with No. 14, once an hour alternately.

Other prominent diseases of the Cow or Ox, require nearly the same treatment as the same diseases in the Horse.

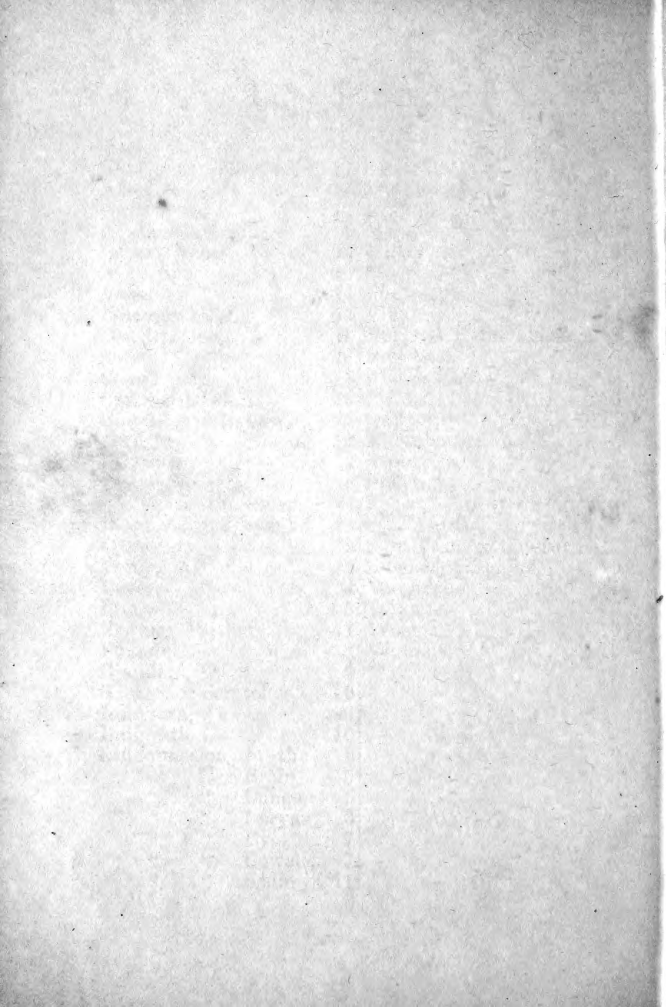
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